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Date: February 20, 2004

Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the re-issued Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Snowy Range Cattle #1 Analysis, which I signed on February 18, 2004. I have selected Alternative 2, as described in the Snowy Range Cattle #1 Environmental Assessment (EA), as a means to implement rangeland management objectives in the analysis area.

The Snowy Range Cattle #1 Environmental Analysis (EA) was released for review on August 8, 2003. A Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, signed on November 5, 2003, was published and released for public review on November 10, 2003. On December 23, 2003, the Regional Office received a Notice of Appeal of the decision. The Appeal Deciding Officer reversed the decision, and gave instructions to clarify information in response to issues raised in the appeal, and to re-issue the decision.

The re-issued decision document includes more detailed descriptions of the analysis that was used to generate the determinations with respect to management indicator species (MIS) population and the relationships between habitat and populations, in order to address the appeal received on the November 5, 2003 decision. The additional documentation does not change the decision.

The DN/FONSI and the Final EA are available on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr, or a printed copy may be obtained by calling the Brush Creek/Hayden District office at 307-326-5258. If you have any questions concerning the Snowy Range Cattle Analysis or this decision, please contact Terry DeLay, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the above address, or phone at 307-326-2518.

Thank you for your interest in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott G. Armentrout
SCOTT G. ARMENTROUT
District Ranger

Enclosure